

# The New Expression of RDA (not RDA 2.0)

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# Why not 2.0?

## And other things you might want to know

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# A New Expression

- Keeping content from the original Toolkit wherever possible
  - If not in conflict with IFLA Library Reference Model
  - Sometimes will “soft deprecate” an element
    - Because there’s a preferred way to record a particular piece of data
- Significantly reorganized
  - No longer a cataloging manual; instead separate pages for several thousand elements
    - Don’t panic, you don’t have to use all of them!
- Relationship elements, not “relationship designators”
  - New way to think about these
  - Their inverses are also elements

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- Element pages standardized
  - Definition and scope
  - Element reference
    - Includes domain/range, alternate labels, and MARC mappings
  - Prerecording – [Is this the element to use for my data?](#)
  - Recording – [What data do I choose to record?](#)
    - Recording methods – [How do I record the data?](#)
      - Sections for unstructured description, structured description, identifier, and IRI
  - Related elements

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- Agent entity breakout
  - Created separate elements for relationships that apply to all types of agents
  - Explicitly declared, rather than relying on the hierarchy
    - Improves training; won't have to remind catalogers to look for general relationships under "Agent" instead of "Person"
  - Resulting element labels not great for end-user display, e.g.:
    - Author agent
    - Author person
    - Author collective agent
    - Author corporate body
    - Author family... but you could use a different label  
(Systems people, are you listening?)



# Beta RDA Toolkit

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# Current Status

- Still in active development
  - May be updated at any time
  - No revision history tracking
  - Element and Guidance chapters still being written and/or refined
- Working to stabilize the English text by April
  - Needed by
    - Translators
    - Creators of policy statements, best practices, and application profiles
    - Authors of derivative/supporting books (like *RDA Essentials*)

# After Stabilization – Toolkit Content

- Continue to refine the Toolkit interface
  - Introduction of the visual browser (expected in April)
  - Add citation numbering, help, and further end-user enhancements
- Introduce revision history for the RDA text – after each formal update
  - Provide a list of instructions that have been revised, added, or deleted, and a brief summary of the reason for the action
  - Archive of PDFs for the altered instructions
  - User can use an application outside of the Toolkit to compare these
- No substantive changes to the text until the beta version becomes the official RDA
  - May be able to add/clarify some elements, but nothing that would require significant re-translation



# After Stabilization – Development

- Identify future development needs for the RDA text and assign them to the RDA communities or working groups
  - “Post 3R” topics will include
    - Extent of Manifestation
    - Extent of Expression
    - Refinement of Collective Agent
    - Eliminating “pseudo-elements”
      - Including what’s currently in RDA 6.28 (special instructions related to musical works and expressions)
      - Also those special instructions for legal works/expressions, religious works/expressions, and official communications

# After Stabilization – Development

- Determine new ways of working for the RSC
  - Continue to implement new governance structure and move to being more of an executive body
  - Develop new, streamlined proposal process
    - Plan to make substantive changes on a quarterly rather than annual basis
    - But still need transparent process that allows for community feedback
  - Will discharge existing RSC Working Groups and re-form the ones that are needed
    - Don't worry, music is on that list!
    - Working Groups to take the lead on identifying issues and proposing solutions in specialized areas

# After Stabilization – Orientation

- ALA Publishing to provide orientation (for all users of the Toolkit, regardless of community) via:
  - Live webinars
  - Online courses
  - YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/RDAToolkitVideo>)
  - Other online resources
- RSC to continue posting presentations (etc.)
  - <http://www.rda-rsc.org/rscpresentations>
- Training needs to be developed by communities of practice
  - Should include application profiles, best practices, etc.

# Moving Out of Beta

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# Requirements

- RDA text is stable (goal: April 2019)
- Translations (goal: Dec. 2019)
  - Key translations complete: Finnish, French, German, and Spanish
  - Other established translations in progress
- Policy Statements completed and published on the site (goal: Dec. 2019)
  - Five of the current eight need to be functional
- RSC and RDA Board must unanimously agree that the 3R Project is complete

# New Site Official – early 2020

- Countdown clock on original site starts
  - Will remain up for one final year
- RDA users expected to transition to post-3R Toolkit during this year
- Formal proposal process reopens for modifying RDA
  - The RSC must determine what belongs in RDA itself and what is more appropriate for policy statements



# Questions?

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